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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR MTN

1. AMBASSADOR EBERLE VISITED LONDON OCTOBER 4-5 AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES. PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS (SEPTTEL) AND PROSPECTS FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. UNDER THIS HEAD, PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF INTEREST WERE  
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PROGRESS OF TRADE BILL AND ORGANIZATION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. VISIT COINCIDED WITH NEWS THAT WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE HAD COMPLETED WORK ON TRADE BILL. AMBASSADOR LEFT COPY OF COMMITTEE'S VERSION WITH SIR MAX BROWN (SECRETARY, TRADE), DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AND DESCRIBED AMENDMENTS MADE BY COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY TITLE III. HE OUTLINED HIS EXPECTATIONS REGARDING RULE GOVERNING HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF BILL AND NOTED THAT HOUSE ACTION SHCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 20. WITH REGARD TO WHEN CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WOULD BE COMPLETED, HE SAID MOST OPTIMISTIC FORECAST WAS BEFORE END OF YEAR, MOST LIKELY WAS EARLY FEBRUARY AND MOST PESSIMISTIC WAS LATE SPRING.

2. WITH REGARD TO ORGANIZATION OF NEGOTIATIONS, AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING MOMENTUM OF PREPARATIONS. HE HOPED IT WOULD PROVE POSSIBLE TABLE OFFERS AND DEMANDS BY JULY 1974 INORDER ALLOW STUDY DURING SUMMER RECESS,NEGOTIATIONS IN LATE '74 AND '75 AND CONCLUSION SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 1975. HE DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH POSSIBLE WAYS OF ORGANIZING THE NEGOTIATIONS AND OUTLINED U.S. VIEW THAT GROUP ESTABLISHED SPECIFICALLY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE WOULD MAKE SUBSTANTIAL FORWARD PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. HE NOTED U.S. PREFERENCE FOR DIVIDING NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE AMONG WORKING GROUPS ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT AGRICULTURAL AS WELL AS OTHER PRODUCERS. INITIAL BRITISH REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL WAS SKEPTICAL. MAFF REPRESENTATIVE (SMITH) SAID HE DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS WAY AND WITHOUT APPEARING TO ABANDON THE "SPECIAL POSITION" OF AGRICULTURE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. BRITISH ALSO POINTED OUT WHETHER AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP IS INCLUDED OR NOT WILL MAKE LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN SUBSTANCE OF COMMUNITY'S POSITION. ON FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN DISCUSSION RETURNED TO THIS POINT, SIR MAX BROWN EMPHASIZED THAT BRITISH SKEPTICISM OF DAY BEFORE HAD BEEN ONLY PRELIMINARY REACTION TO SUGGESTION.

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